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Auditor's Report.

VALUATION OF 1890.

Real estate.....	\$338,795 00	
Personal estate.....	57,748 00	
		<u>\$396,543 00</u>

APPROPRIATIONS.

Schools.....	\$1,000 00	
Poor and other charges.....	1,400 00	
Roads and bridges.....	1,600 00	
Debt.....	500 00	
State tax.....	850 58	
County tax.....	404 21	
Free High school.....	250 00	
School books.....	500 00	
Memorial service.....	20 00	
Overlay.....	93 91	
		<u>\$6,618 70</u>

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

C. W. Piper in account with town of Benton, Dr.		
To balance due March 2, 1891.....	\$2,030 38	
tax bills committed June '91, 15 mills.....	5,948 70	
268 polls \$2.50 per poll.....	670 00	
school fund and mill tax.....	674 48	
Dog tax.....	51 00	
Highway tax 1889.....	54 82	
High school, am't from State	118 75	
Tax deeds.....	35,71	
		<u>\$9,583 84</u>
CR.		
By payment of orders.....	\$7,218 48	
Amount due March 2, 1891.....	2,365 36	
		<u>\$9,583 84</u>

SCHOOLS.

Town of Benton, Dr.		
To amount due the districts March 1, '90.....	\$ 119 63	
town appropriation.....	1,000 00	
School fund and mill tax.....	674 48	
		<u>\$1,794 11</u>
Town of Benton, Cr.		
By orders drawn for support of schools.....	1,497 77	
Amount due districts March 2, '91.....	296 34	
		<u>1,794 11</u>

HIGH SCHOOL.

DR.		
To town appropriation.....	250 00	
Amount received from state.....	118 75	
	<hr/>	368 75
CR.		
By amount expended.....	237 50	
Balance unexpended.....	131 25	
	<hr/>	\$368 75

POOR.

J. Gordon and wife.....	\$190 00	
Davis family.....	127 03	
Annie Wixon.....	39 00	
H. Atwood.....	102 00	
Miles Ford.....	92 00	
Mrs. J. C. Smiley.....	103 00	
Geo. C. Spencer.....	59 50	
Mary E. Witham.....	111 00	
Lydia McNally.....	11 04	
Ansel Quimby, due from Oakland.....	30 16	
Mrs. H. Pooler.....	7 46	
Gerald & Goodwin cases.....	25 65	
Way pauper.....	1 25	
Medical services, Dr. Richardson.....	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$924 09
Amount due from Oakland.....		30 16
		<hr/>
		\$893 93

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Section 1 J. C. Brown.....	\$172 34	
" 2 E. Holt.....	101 28	
" 3 S. J. Piper.....	129 45	
" 4 Otis Roundy.....	208 84	
" 5 A. Denaco.....	154 53	
" 6 G. S. McKenney.....	210 53	
" 7 O. C. Brown.....	345 07	
" 8 A. W. Norton.....	38 40	
	<hr/>	\$1,360 44
Snow bills.....	107 76	
Fifteen mile stream bridge.....	5 75	
Upper bridge.....	76 06	
East Benton bridge.....	1 50	
Bowman bridge.....	50 90	
Benton Falls bridge.....	6 25	
Fairfield bridge.....	21 17	
	<hr/>	269 39
		<hr/>
		\$1,629 83

MISCELLANEOUS.

State tax, '90.....	\$850 58	
County tax '90 due.....	404 21	
School books.....	202 22	
Auditor's report '89.....	10 00	
Books and stationery.....	11 05	
Repairing hearse.....	17 00	
Memorial service.....	20 00	
Errors and abatements in Piper's bills '89 and '90.....	24 90	
Repairing cemetery fence.....	2 00	
Repairing town house.....	48	
Interest.....	84 17	
Posting warrants, C. W. Jones.....	3 00	
Hearse bill.....	23 25	
Justice fee.....	50	
Steel scraper.....	9 83	
Repair on road machine.....	5 55	
	<hr/>	\$1,668 74

TOWN OFFICER'S BILLS.

G. F. Tarbell,	{ Selectman	\$30 25	
	{ Assessor.....	32 25	
	{ Overseer.....	10 75	
		<hr/>	\$73 25
O. C. Brown,	{ Selectman	9 62	
	{ Assessor.....	12 00	
	{ Overseer.....	2 00	
		<hr/>	23 62
J. C. Brown.	{ Selectman	8 75	
	{ Assessor.....	10 50	
	{ Overseer.....	5 00	
		<hr/>	24 25
J. L. Buzzell, supervisor of schools '89.....		70 00	
Chas. Piper, collector '89.....		156 75	
C. W. Jones, moderator.....		3 00	
A. L. Hinds, town clerk.....		8 00	
Auditor.....		7 00	
		<hr/>	244 75
			<hr/>
			\$365 87

RECAPITULATION.

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Schools.....	\$1,000 00	
High Schools.....	118 75	
Poor.....	893 93	
Roads and bridges.....	1,629 83	
Miscellaneous.....	1,668 74	
Town officer' bills.....	365 87	
	<hr/>	\$5,677 12

RESOURCES.

Due from Piper.....	\$2,365 36	
Gerald farm.....	500 00	
Due from Appleton, Unity, Oakland & C. A. Howard	86 27	
	<u> </u>	\$2,951 63

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders drawing interest.....	\$2,048 95	
Interest due.....	69 75	
Due school districts.....	296 34	
County tax due.....	404 21	
	<u> </u>	\$2,819 25
Excess of resources.....		<u> </u> \$132 38

BALANCE.

Resources March 1, '90, less \$1 58 dis. on tax deeds..	\$2,622 20	
Received by Treas. since March 1, '90.....	7,517 75	
	<u> </u>	\$10,139 95
Paid by Treasurer since March 1, '90		
Schools	1,497 77	
High school.....	237 50	
Poor.....	924 09	
Roads and bridges.....	1,629 83	
Miscellaneous 1890.....	1,264 53	
State and county tax 1889.....	1,298 89	
Town officers' bills.....	365 87	
	<u> </u>	\$7,218 48
		<u> </u> 2,921 47
Due from Oakland.....		30 16
		<u> </u> 2,951 63
Resources March 2, 1891.....		
Excess liabilities March 1, '90.....	899 57	
Excess resources March 2, '91.....	132 38	
	<u> </u>	1,031 95
Increase in resources of '91.....	327 85	
Decrease in liabilities.....	704 10	
	<u> </u>	\$1,031 95

A. L. HINDS, Auditor.

Annual Report of the Supervisor of Schools.

TOWN OF BENTON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 2, 1891.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Spring, fall and winter terms taught by Miss Cora Coleman of Benton. Miss Coleman showed an unflagging interest during the thirty-two weeks of school and succeeded in making them profitable to a large majority of the pupils.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

The summer school was taught by Miss Bina Libby of Shawmut. This was Miss Libby's first school and we think a good one. With experience she will make one of our best teachers. Fall term by Mrs. I. V. Piper of Waterville, an old and faithful teacher. The progress was very good. Winter term by same teacher. When we visited the school there was a good degree of interest. On account of sickness she was obliged to close sooner than expected, we did not visit but once. The winter school was continued under the care of Miss May Coleman of Benton. This school was not quite up to the standard in government.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

The three terms were taught by Miss Mattie Seavey of Benton. Miss Seavey has had considerable experience in this school. We class this among our good schools.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Miss May Piper of Benton had charge of the summer school in this district. Miss Piper spared no pains to make herself useful to every scholar in her school and her labors were appreciated by both scholars and parents. Fall school by Miss Eva Roundy of Benton, a member of the district, and good work. Winter term by Miss Nellie Baker of Clinton. Miss Baker devoted herself to her task with an energy worthy of commendation, and the improvement showed that the term was profitable.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Miss Lettie Smiley of Benton had charge of the summer term in this district. Miss Smiley is well known as a teacher in town, having taught several terms before with good success. Winter school by Mrs. Alice R. Hunter of Clinton. We were much pleased with the manner in which Mrs. Hunter conducted her school. We think the citizens of this district should be well satisfied with their winter school.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Summer term was taught by Miss Adella Kidder of Clinton. This was Miss Kidder's first attempt at teaching, a very good school. Fall school by Miss Gertrude Rowell of Clinton. The number attending this term was very small. The progress was quite good.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Miss Nina Brown of Albion had charge of the summer term in this district. Miss Brown did not have the support of all the parents. She labored under difficulties but at the closing examination, as far as we were able to judge, the pupils had made good improvement. Fall and winter schools were taught by Miss May Piper of Benton. Miss Piper is a teacher of experience and enters into her work with a spirit that is sure to make her school successful and profitable.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Summer term by Miss Annie E. Copeland of Albion. Some in the district found a little fault, but the Supervisor felt that there was not sufficient ground of complaint and thought the teacher did good work. Fall and winter terms by Miss Lizzie Webber of Clinton. At our first visit we found Miss Webber meant business and understood how a school should be managed to make it a success. We feel safe in recommending Miss Webber to those wishing the services of a good teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

There are only two pupils in this district to attend school. We thought best not to have any school in No. 9. The pupils attended school in No. 10

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Summer term by Miss Kate Ross of Clinton, and ranked among our good schools. Winter term by same teacher. We cannot speak of the progress made by the pupils as we were not notified of the time of closing consequently did not visit but once.

FREE HIGH SCHOOLS.

We have had two Free High Schools in town the past year. One in district No. 5 under the able teaching of K. B. Piper of Waterville. This school district was highly favored with one of the best of teachers. Good progress was made in all branches taken up. The one in district No. 10 was under the charge of A. G. Andrews of Waterville. Mr. Andrews at once showed that he was well adapted to the work of the school room. Those who attended regularly made marked progress and did good work.

We have had 27 terms of school the past year. Have used \$202.22 for books. We now have on hand about \$56 worth of books old and new. The most of the teachers have had very good success in their schools. I know I have made some mistakes the past year. "To err is human." Thanking my townsmen for past favors I close my report.

J. L. BUZZELL, SUPERVISOR.

